## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound having the formula I, or a salt thereof:

$$X - (Glu)_p - (AA^1)_q - AA^2 - Y$$

I

wherein Glu is a glutamic acid residue wherein the gamma-carboxy group of said glutamic acid residue is a free carboxylic acid or a C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl ester;

AA<sup>1</sup> is an amino acid residue having the formula

$$-HN \xrightarrow{C-}_{B}$$

AA<sup>2</sup> is an amino acid residue having the formula

X is a difunctional group selected from CH<sub>2</sub> and carbonyl;

Y is selected from the group consisting of OH and NR<sub>2</sub>;

Each  $\mathbf{R}$  is independently selected from the group consisting of H and C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, said C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl being linear or branched;

A is a substituent selected from the group consisting of CH<sub>3</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub>, and halogen;

Each  ${\bf B}$  is a substituent selected from the group consisting of H, -CF<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>3</sub>(R)<sub>2</sub> and

m is 0, 1, or 2; each n is independently 0, 1, or 2; p is 0, 1, or 2; and q is 0, 1, or 2.

## 2. A compound of Claim 1, wherein

Glu is a glutamic acid residue, wherein the gamma carboxy group of said glutamic acid residue is a free carboxylic acid or a methyl ester; m is O or 1; each n is independently 0 or 1; and p is 0 or 1.

## 3. A compound of Claim 2, wherein

Each A is a halogen independently selected from F, C1, Br, and I; Each group B is a substituent selected from -CF<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub> and

Y is  $NH_2$ ;

R is H; and q is 0 or 1.

4. A compound of Claim 3, wherein Glu is a glutamic acid residue in which the gamma carboxy group is a free carboxylic acid residue.

- 5. A compound of Claim 1, wherein AA<sup>1</sup> and AA<sup>2</sup> are each phenylalanine residues, wherein the substituents on the phenyl ring of said phenylalanine residues are as defined in Claim 1.
- 6. A compound of Claim 1, wherein  $AA^1$  and  $AA^2$  are amino acid residues having the formula

Wherein each A is independently selected from the group consisting of Br

m is 0 or 1;
each n is independently 0 or 1;
p is 0 or 1;
q is 0 or 1; and
Y is NH<sub>2</sub>.

and I;

7. A compound according to Claim 1, wherein AA<sup>1</sup> is an amino acid residue having the formula:

wherein Glu is a glutamic acid residue, the gamma-carboxy group of said glutamic acid residue being a free carboxylic acid or methyl ester;  $AA^2$  is a phenylalanine residue of the formula

$$-HN \xrightarrow{C-} A_n$$

Each A is independently selected from the group consisting of Br and I;

Y is  $-NH_2$ ;

R is H;

m is 0 or 1;

each n is independently 0 or 1;

p is 0 or 1; and

q is 0 or 1.

- 8. A compound of Claim 7, wherein Glu is a glutamic acid residue in which the gamma carboxy group is a free carboxylic acid residue.
- 9. A compound of Claim 1, or a salt thereof, having a structural formula selected from the group consisting of: